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I have the honor to transmit the accompanying report on the cotton crop of 1896-97 as the final statement of the production of that crop, a preliminary one having been made in April of this year. Under the present plan of collecting statistics of cotton production by this office, the results are arrived at, not by estimates but by returns of the movement of cotton from the plantation to points of shipment or consumption, and for these returns this office is under many obligations to the officials of various railway and water transportation companies and of cotton and woolen mills, as well as to township and precinct correspondents.

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THE COTTON CROP OF 1896-97.

The method of estimating the cotton crop of 1896-97 is the same as that followed in 1895-96, and is based upon the official statements of all the railway and water transportation companies in the cotton-growing States, showing the number of bales of cotton forwarded by them to all ports, to Northern and Eastern mills, and to all other destinations, from September 1, 1896, to August 31, 1897, inclusive; also upon the statements made by the officials of all the mills located in the cotton States that were in operation, showing the amounts of cotton purchased by them for consumption during the year; and upon the reports of Special Agents located at the ports and other important receiving points in the interior.

While there has been no departure from the original plan adopted by the Department in 1894, the sources of information have been increased by the completion of several transportation lines, and the building of a number of new mills; otherwise, the data and statistics contained in this report were derived from the same sources and were compiled in the same manner as were those employed in estimating the crop of 1895-96.

The method of ascertaining the crop of a State, briefly stated, is to credit it with the production of all cotton originating within its borders and forwarded to ports and all other destinations beyond its own boundaries, and to this add the amounts purchased by all mills located within the State. From these totals deductions are made of all cotton forwarded to interior markets and mills within the State from interior points in other cotton States, the amounts taken by its mills from its own and other ports, and the stocks held at interior towns and on plantations at the beginning of the season.

The following table contains the results of the investigation of the movement and amounts of cotton taken by the mills during the twelve months ending August 31, 1897.

Cotton crop of 1896-97.

[In commercial bales.]

States and Territories.	Movement and mill purchases.			Taken from ports and other states.			Total crop.
	Movement by rail and water.	Bought by mills.	Total.	Taken from other States.	Taken from ports.	Total.	
Alabama	777, 199	68, 658	845, 857	12, 068	-----	12, 068	833, 789
Arkansas	614, 733	1, 459	616, 192	10, 549	-----	10, 549	605, 643
Florida	48, 780	-----	48, 780	50	-----	50	48, 730
Georgia	1, 241, 598	227, 831	1, 469, 429	166, 827	3, 262	170, 089	1, 299, 340
Indian Territory	87, 705	-----	87, 705	-----	-----	-----	87, 705
Kansas	61	-----	61	-----	-----	-----	61
Kentucky	414	24, 214	24, 628	24, 214	-----	24, 214	414
Louisiana	623, 392	14, 922	638, 314	56, 141	14, 922	71, 063	567, 251
Mississippi	1, 224, 265	16, 863	1, 241, 128	40, 128	-----	40, 128	1, 201, 000
Missouri	24, 119	2, 435	26, 554	2, 435	-----	2, 435	24, 119
North Carolina	322, 046	245, 177	567, 223	43, 350	2, 078	45, 428	521, 795
Oklahoma	35, 251	-----	35, 251	-----	-----	-----	35, 251
South Carolina	675, 215	297, 782	972, 997	24, 637	11, 897	36, 534	936, 463
Tennessee	228, 325	30, 746	259, 071	22, 290	-----	22, 290	236, 781
Texas	2, 164, 462	12, 499	2, 176, 961	47, 759	6, 501	54, 260	2, 122, 701
Utah	123	-----	123	-----	-----	-----	123
Virginia	11, 539	39, 405	50, 944	39, 405	-----	39, 405	11, 539
Total	8, 079, 227	981, 991	9, 061, 218	489, 853	38, 660	528, 513	8, 532, 705

No investigation was made of stocks held at interior towns and on plantations on September 1, 1896, and such stocks are therefore included in the "total crop" in the above table. "Taken from ports" includes only the cotton purchased by mills in the State in which the ports are located and which has already been counted in the port movement. "Taken from other States" includes all deliveries by rail or wagon from interior points and plantations of one State to interior points of another, and also all cotton forwarded from one State to the mills of another.

The 414 bales of cotton produced in Kentucky were forwarded by water from Mississippi landings to St. Louis. The 61 bales produced in Kansas were forwarded by rail to St. Louis, and the 123 bales produced in Utah were consumed in one of the mills in that State.

CROP OF ALABAMA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, water, and wagon, from all interior points in Alabama to the port of Mobile, and to all other destinations beyond the State:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail to Savannah, Ga.....	195,055
By rail and water to Mobile.....	154,028
By rail to Pensacola, Fla.....	67,650
By rail to England mills.....	67,356
By rail to Norfolk, Va.....	56,857
By rail to New Orleans, La.....	55,475
By rail to Brunswick, Ga.....	40,221
By rail to Charleston, S. C.....	25,108
By rail to interior Georgia points.....	21,861
By rail and wagon to interior Mississippi points.....	17,565
By rail to Tennessee mills.....	14,655
By rail, water, and wagon to Columbus, Ga.....	11,694
By rail to Memphis, Tenn.....	11,405
By rail to West Point, Va.....	10,479
By rail to North Carolina mills.....	5,347
By rail to Port Royal, S. C.....	4,804
By rail to Ohio river points.....	4,525
By rail to Baltimore, Md.....	3,085
By rail to Virginia mills.....	2,412
By rail to Boston, Mass.....	2,309
By rail to Newport News, Va.....	1,602
By rail to Canada.....	1,239
By rail to New York, N. Y.....	908
By rail to South Carolina mills.....	880
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa.....	678
By rail to St. Louis, Mo.....	1
Total movement.....	777,199
Less—	
Wagon deliveries from Georgia at Eufaula.....	6,776
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at Sheffield.....	2,533
Rail deliveries from Georgia at Montgomery.....	1,793
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at Birmingham.....	798
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at Florence.....	168
	12,068
Net movement.....	765,131
Add mill purchases.....	68,658
Total crop of Alabama.....	833,789

Forwarded to "New England mills" includes all cotton destined to mill points east of the state of Ohio; to "Ohio river points" all cotton destined to mill points between the Mississippi River and Pennsylvania, and north of the cotton States.

CROP OF ARKANSAS.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, water, and wagon from interior points in Arkansas:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and water to St. Louis, Mo.....	277,084
By rail, water, and wagon to Memphis, Tenn.....	156,603
By rail and water to New Orleans, La.....	101,859
By rail to New England mills.....	61,633
By rail to Ohio River mill points.....	6,326
By rail to Shreveport, La.....	6,039
By rail to Atlantic ports.....	4,117
By rail to Bayou Sara, La.....	505
By rail to Pensacola, Fla.....	502
By rail to Missouri mills.....	115
Total movement.....	614,733
Less—	
Rail and wagon deliveries from Indian Territory at Fort Smith.....	7,084
Rail and wagon deliveries from Texas at Texarkana.....	1,359
Rail deliveries from Oklahoma at Fort Smith.....	1,253
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at Helena.....	453
Wagon deliveries from Indian Territory at Van Buren.....	400
	10,549
Net movement.....	604,184
Add mill purchases.....	1,459
Total crop of Arkansas.....	605,643

CROP OF FLORIDA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and river from interior points in Florida:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail to Savannah, Ga.....	36,652
By rail to Jacksonville.....	5,778
By river to Columbus, Ga.....	3,324
By rail to Mobile, Ala.....	2,067
By rail to New Orleans, La.....	516
By rail to Fernandina.....	260
By rail to Charleston, S. C.....	120
By rail to interior Georgia points.....	63
Total movement.....	48,780
Less rail deliveries from interior Texas points at Jacksonville.....	50
Total crop of Florida.....	48,730

The receipts at Jacksonville and Fernandina, as shown above, include only cotton forwarded from interior points in Florida. There were 5,701 bales forwarded by the Choctawhatchee River to Caryville, and from thence by rail to Mobile and New Orleans. This cotton is included in the Alabama movement to those ports and hence is not deducted from the crop of Florida.

CROP OF GEORGIA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, river, and wagon from interior points in Georgia:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and river to Savannah.....	566,761
By rail to Norfolk, Va.....	309,173
By rail to Charleston, S. C.....	144,304
By rail to Port Royal, S. C.....	54,626
By rail to New England mills.....	44,308
By rail to Brunswick.....	44,107
By rail to South Carolina mills.....	22,057
By rail to Baltimore, Md.....	9,115
By rail to New York, N. Y.....	9,001
By rail and wagon to interior Alabama points.....	8,569
By rail to New Orleans, La.....	7,356
By rail to Virginia mills.....	6,260
By rail to North Carolina mills.....	5,841
By rail to Boston, Mass.....	4,125
By rail to Tennessee mills.....	2,241
By rail to Canada.....	1,368
By rail to Ohio river points.....	959
By rail to Wilmington, N. C.....	490
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa.....	483
By rail to West Point, Va.....	300
By rail to Pensacola, Fla.....	100
By rail to Janesville, Wis.....	54
Total movement.....	1,241,598
Less—	
Rail, water, and wagon deliveries from South Carolina at Augusta.....	114,835
Rail and wagon deliveries from Alabama at Columbus.....	11,694
Rail deliveries from South Carolina at interior points.....	11,422
Wagon deliveries from Alabama at West Point.....	10,843
Rail deliveries from Alabama at interior points.....	6,987
Wagon deliveries from Alabama at Fort Gaines.....	4,031
River deliveries from Florida at Columbus.....	3,324
Rail deliveries from North Carolina at Augusta.....	1,912
Rail deliveries from North Carolina at interior points.....	997
Rail deliveries from Tennessee at interior points.....	579
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at Augusta.....	140
Rail deliveries from Florida at interior points.....	63
	166,827
Net movement.....	1,074,771
Add mill purchases.....	227,831
	1,302,602
Less taken from ports.....	3,262
Total crop of Georgia.....	1,299,340

The receipts at Savannah, as shown in the above statement, include all cotton forwarded by rail, Savannah River, and wagon from interior Georgia points.

CROP OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and wagon from Indian Territory:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail to Galveston, Tex.....	41,564
By rail and wagon to Denison, Tex.....	14,605
By rail and wagon to Gainesville, Tex.....	7,994
By rail and wagon to Fort Smith, Ark.....	7,084
By rail to St. Louis, Mo.....	5,631
By rail to New England mills.....	4,361
By rail to Boston, Mass.....	3,366
By rail to New York, N. Y.....	1,701
By rail to New Orleans, La.....	685
By rail and wagon to Van Buren, Ark.....	400
By rail to Houston, Tex.....	301
By rail to Western mills.....	6
By rail to Carthage, Mo.....	4
By rail to Sherman, Tex.....	3
Total movement and crop of Indian Territory.....	87,705

CROP OF LOUISIANA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and water from interior points in Louisiana:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and water to New Orleans.....	513,822
By rail to New England mills.....	48,236
By rail to Galveston, Tex.....	16,578
By rail to Natchez, Miss.....	14,958
By rail and water to Memphis, Tenn.....	10,293
By rail to St. Louis, Mo.....	9,805
By rail to Vicksburg, Miss.....	6,846
By rail to Houston, Tex.....	2,554
By rail to north Atlantic ports.....	300
Total movement.....	623,392
Less—	
Rail and wagon deliveries from Texas at Shreveport.....	38,201
Rail deliveries from Arkansas at Shreveport.....	6,039
Rail and wagon deliveries from Texas at Logansport.....	4,864
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at—	
Baton Rouge.....	3,986
Bayou Sara.....	2,546
Rail from Arkansas at Bayou Sara.....	505
	56,141
Net movement.....	567,251
Add mill purchases.....	14,922
	582,173
Less taken from ports.....	14,922
Total crop of Louisiana.....	567,251

The receipts at New Orleans, as shown in above statement, include all cotton forwarded by rail, river, and lake from interior Louisiana points.

CROP OF MISSISSIPPI.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, river, and wagon from Mississippi:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and water to New Orleans, La.....	654,334
By rail to New England mills.....	245,325
By rail, river, and wagon to Memphis, Tenn.....	194,923
By rail to Mobile, Ala.....	58,635
By rail to Ohio River points.....	18,579
By rail to north Atlantic ports.....	10,902
By rail to interior Louisiana points.....	6,532
By rail to Tennessee mills.....	5,376
By rail to Norfolk, Va.....	4,752
By rail to Brunswick, Ga.....	4,103
By rail to Boston, Mass.....	3,572
By rail to interior Alabama points.....	3,499
By rail to North Carolina mills.....	3,339
By rail to Savannah, Ga.....	1,826
By rail to St. Louis, Mo.....	1,819
By rail to Virginia mills.....	1,806
By rail to Canada.....	1,117
By rail to New York, N. Y.....	1,044
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa.....	666
By rail to South Carolina mills.....	642
By rail to Baltimore, Md.....	586
By rail to Helena, Ark.....	453
By rail to Pensacola, Fla.....	195
By rail to Georgia mills.....	140
By rail to Charleston, S. C.....	100
Total movement.....	1,224,265
Less—	
Rail deliveries from Louisiana at Natchez.....	14,958
Rail deliveries from Alabama at Meridian.....	9,422
Rail and wagon deliveries from Alabama at Columbus.....	7,579
Rail deliveries from Louisiana at Vicksburg.....	6,846
Rail deliveries from Tennessee at interior points.....	759
Rail deliveries from Alabama at West Point.....	564
	40,128
Net movement.....	1,184,137
Add mill purchases.....	16,863
Total crop of Mississippi.....	1,201,000

CROP OF MISSOURI.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and river from Missouri:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and river to St. Louis.....	21,308
By rail and river to Memphis, Tenn.....	2,811
Total movement and crop of Missouri.....	24,119

For statistical purposes, St. Louis, which receives the bulk of the crop of the State, is treated as a port.

CROP OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and water from interior points in North Carolina:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail and canal to Norfolk, Va	167,467
By rail and water to Wilmington	112,352
By rail to New York, N. Y	19,901
By rail to Virginia mills	14,260
By rail to Georgia mills	2,909
By rail to Charleston, S. C	1,446
By rail to South Carolina mills	1,040
By rail to Baltimore, Md	1,030
By rail to New England mills	642
By rail to Boston, Mass	486
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa	282
By rail to Port Royal, S. C	123
By rail to West Point, Va	108
Total movement	322,046
Less—	
Rail deliveries from South Carolina at mill points	27,185
Rail deliveries from Georgia at mill points	5,841
Rail deliveries from Alabama at mill points	5,347
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at mill points	3,339
Rail deliveries from Norfolk at mill points	1,333
Rail deliveries from Tennessee at mill points	267
Rail deliveries from Virginia at mill points	38
	43,350
Net movement	278,696
Add mill purchases	245,177
	523,873
Less taken from ports	2,078
Total crop of North Carolina	521,795

The receipts at Wilmington, as shown in the above statement, include all cotton forwarded by rail and coastwise from interior North Carolina points.

COTTON CROP OF OKLAHOMA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail from Oklahoma Territory:

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail to Gainesville, Tex	22,082
By rail to Ardmore, Ind. Ter	7,372
By rail to Fort Smith, Ark	1,253
By rail to Denver, Colo	1,010
By rail to Galveston, Tex	851
By rail to Boston, Mass	816
By rail to New York, N. Y	778
By rail to New England mills	455
By rail to St. Louis, Mo	413
By rail to Denison, Tex	187
By rail to Houston, Tex	25
By rail to Sherman, Tex	8
By rail to Wichita, Kans	1
Total movement and crop of Oklahoma	35,251

CROP OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail and water from interior points in South Carolina:

Forwarded—		<i>Bales.</i>
By rail and water to Charleston		184,943
By rail to Norfolk, Va		148,032
By rail and water to Augusta, Ga		114,835
By rail to Wilmington, N. C		111,130
By rail to North Carolina mills		27,185
By rail and water to Savannah, Ga		25,619
By rail to Port Royal		17,159
By rail to New York, N. Y		14,248
By rail to Georgia mills		11,422
By rail to Boston, Mass		7,351
By rail to Virginia mills		6,594
By rail to New England mills		2,931
By rail to Baltimore, Md		2,513
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa		914
By rail to West Point, Va		175
By rail to Ohio river points		100
By rail to Brunswick, Ga		46
By rail to Tennessee mills		18
Total movement		675,215
Less—		
Rail deliveries from Georgia at mill points	22,057	
Rail deliveries from North Carolina at interior points	1,040	
Rail deliveries from Alabama at mill points	880	
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at mill points	642	
Rail deliveries from Tennessee at interior points	18	
		24,637
Net movement		650,578
Add mill purchases		297,782
		948,360
Less taken from ports		11,897
Total crop of South Carolina		936,463

The receipts at Charleston, as shown in the above statement, include all cotton forwarded by rail, river, and coastwise from interior South Carolina points.

CROP OF TENNESSEE.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, water, and wagon from Tennessee:

Forwarded—		Bales.
By rail, water, and wagon to Memphis.....		118,077
By rail to New England mills.....		60,594
By rail to Ohio River points.....		14,032
By rail to St. Louis, Mo.....		9,183
By rail to Norfolk, Va.....		7,044
By rail to New Orleans, La.....		5,974
By rail to Boston, Mass.....		3,472
By rail to New York, N. Y.....		2,230
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa.....		1,620
By rail to Canada.....		1,294
By rail to north Atlantic ports.....		879
By rail to Mississippi points.....		759
By rail to interior Georgia points.....		579
By rail to Mobile, Ala.....		468
By rail to Baltimore, Md.....		450
By rail to Brunswick, Ga.....		424
By rail to Savannah, Ga.....		415
By rail to Newport News, Va.....		325
By rail to North Carolina mills.....		267
By rail to Virginia mills.....		195
By rail to Charleston, S. C.....		25
By rail to South Carolina mills.....		18
By rail to Chicago, Ill.....		1
Total movement.....		228,325
Less—		
Rail deliveries from Alabama at mill points.....	14,655	
Rail deliveries from Mississippi at mill points.....	5,376	
Rail deliveries from Georgia at mill points.....	2,241	
Rail deliveries from South Carolina at mill points.....	18	
		22,290
Net movement.....		206,035
Add mill purchases.....		30,746
Total crop of Tennessee.....		236,781

For statistical purposes Memphis is treated as a port, as the bulk of the cotton produced in the State is marketed there and distributed thence to ports and New England mills. Hence no account is taken of shipments from Memphis, but only of those from other interior points to points beyond the State boundary.

CROP OF TEXAS.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail, water, and wagon from interior points in Texas:

Forwarded—		Bales.
By rail and water to Galveston	1,268,260	
By rail to New Orleans, La	521,306	
By rail to St. Louis, Mo	73,803	
By rail to New England mills	66,950	
By rail to Texas City	54,306	
By rail and wagon to Shreveport, La	38,201	
By rail to San Francisco, Cal	38,045	
By rail to Boston, Mass	24,259	
By rail to New York, N. Y	14,543	
By rail to Corpus Christi	13,449	
By rail to Eagle Pass	11,427	
By rail to Seattle, Wash	10,590	
By rail to north Atlantic ports	10,568	
By rail to Tacoma, Wash	6,050	
By rail and wagon to Logansport, La	4,864	
By rail to Philadelphia, Pa	2,544	
By rail to Denver, Colo	1,417	
By rail and wagon to Texarkana, Ark	1,359	
By rail to Baltimore, Md	1,032	
By rail to Western mills	891	
By rail to Canada	225	
By rail to El Paso	100	
By rail to Ohio river points	100	
By rail to Missouri points	98	
By rail to Jacksonville, Fla	50	
By rail to Janesville, Wis	25	
Total movement	2,164,462	
Less—		
Rail deliveries from Oklahoma at Gainesville	22,082	
Rail and wagon deliveries from Indian Territory at Denison	14,605	
Rail and wagon deliveries from Indian Territory at Gainesville	7,994	
Rail deliveries from Louisiana at Houston	2,554	
Rail deliveries from Indian Territory at Houston	301	
Rail deliveries from Oklahoma at Denison	187	
Rail deliveries from Oklahoma at Houston	25	
Rail deliveries from Oklahoma at Sherman	8	
Rail deliveries from Indian Territory at Sherman	3	
	47,759	
Net movement	2,116,703	
Add mill purchases	12,499	
	2,129,202	
Less taken from ports	6,501	
Total crop of Texas	2,122,701	

The cotton shown in the above statement as forwarded to Galveston includes the receipts at that port via rail and water from interior Texas points; that to San Francisco and Tacoma includes only such cotton as was forwarded from interior points in the State, the bulk of which was exported to Japan. All cotton shown as forwarded to Corpus Christi, Eagle Pass, and El Paso was exported to Mexico, and that to Jacksonville, Fla., was shipped thence coastwise to New York.

CROP OF VIRGINIA.

The following statement shows in detail the movement of cotton by rail from interior points in Virginia.

Forwarded—	Bales.
By rail to Petersburg.....	5,879
By rail to Norfolk.....	5,619
By rail to North Carolina mills.....	38
By rail to Richmond.....	3
Total movement and crop in Virginia.....	11,539

For statistical purposes Petersburg is treated as a port, the greater part of the crop of the State being marketed there, and thence forwarded to Norfolk and other destinations.

PURCHASED BY MILLS.

The large and increasing amount of raw cotton taken directly from the current crop by mills located in the cotton growing States, is more than ever an important factor in estimating the annual production. Ten years ago only about 6 per cent of a crop of six and one half million bales was used by those States, while during the present year (1896-97), they used over 11 per cent of a crop of over eight and one-half million bales. The Department has, therefore, spared no pains, not only to ascertain the location of every mill, old and new, but the amount of cotton taken by each from the current crop, whether the mill was in operation the whole or only a part of the season.

The figures in the accompanying table are based upon actual statements made by the officials of 402 mills in operation, showing their monthly purchases, the statements having been revised after the close of the year. So far as the Department is informed only four mills failed to make reports, and there is reason to believe that only two of them were in operation during the unreported months. During the corresponding months of 1895-96, these four mills purchased 1,631 bales of cotton. The increase from 354 mills in 1895-96 to 402 in 1896-97, is not altogether due to the building of new mills, but to the counting of two or more separate mill plants operated by the same company. These separate mill plants were not counted in the mill statistics of 1895-96. The actual increase in the capacity of the mill consumption is, however, shown more accurately in the number of spindles in operation each year.

Comparative mill statistics for 1895-96 and 1896-97.

States.	No. mills, 1895-96.	No. mills, 1896-97.	No. spindles, 1895-96.	No. spindles, 1896-97.	Spindles, in- crease.	Spin- dles, de- crease.	Bales bought, 1895-96.	Bales bought, 1896-97.
Alabama	24	31	187,192	215,004	27,812		58,998	68,658
Arkansas	3	2	8,948	5,948		3,000	1,975	1,459
Georgia	62	76	607,251	683,407	76,156		200,636	227,831
Kentucky	11	10	66,126	76,972	10,846		14,890	24,214
Louisiana	4	2	60,752	57,752		3,000	13,344	14,922
Mississippi	8	7	61,448	64,148	2,700		16,654	16,863
Missouri	4	2	14,004	12,116		1,888	1,629	2,435
North Carolina	133	152	773,030	884,678	111,648		219,822	245,177
South Carolina	58	73	802,854	1,056,198	253,344		257,700	297,782
Tennessee	30	28	115,743	113,119		2,624	28,732	30,746
Texas	5	4	35,560	35,560			12,385	12,499
Virginia	12	15	134,425	130,425	5,000		31,070	39,405
Total	354	402	2,867,333	3,344,327	487,506	10,512	857,835	981,991

THE SEA ISLAND COTTON CROP OF 1896-97.

The investigation of the production of sea island cotton discloses the fact that the crop of 1896-97 was the largest on record, the States of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and Texas having produced 104,368 bales. The next largest crop was that of 1895-96, which was estimated at about 93,000 bales, while the crop of the previous year was estimated at not quite 75,000 bales.

The production of the State of Georgia was 64,668 bales, 63,033 of which were forwarded to Savannah, 1,429 to Brunswick, and 206 to Charleston, S. C.; that of Florida was 26,431 bales, 21,023 of which were forwarded to Savannah, Ga., 4,987 to Jacksonville, 260 to Fernandina, and 161 to Charleston, S. C.; that of South Carolina was 10,769 bales, 10,524 of which were forwarded to Charleston, 176 to Beaufort for export, and 69 to Savannah, Ga., while that of Texas was 2,500, all of which went to the port of Galveston.

VALUE OF THE COTTON CROP OF 1896-97.

The following table is an exhibit of the value of the upland and sea island cotton crops of 1896-97. The gross commercial weight of bales for each State is used, and the price per pound is the average price realized by the planters in each State and Territory, as reported by them to this office:

States and Territories.	Upland crop.	Weight per bale.	Price per pound.	Value of upland.	Sea island crop.	Weight per bale.	Price per pound.	Value of sea island.	Total value.
	<i>Bales.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>		<i>Bales.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>		
Alabama	833,789	507	6.69	\$28,280,705	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$28,280,705
Arkansas	605,643	501	6.46	19,601,393	-----	-----	-----	-----	19,601,393
Florida	22,299	488	6.75	734,529	26,431	359	14.33	\$1,359,735	2,094,264
Georgia	1,234,672	488	6.73	40,549,592	64,668	429	12.72	3,528,855	44,078,447
Indian Territory	87,705	528	6.45	2,986,881	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,986,881
Kansas	61	501	6.72	2,054	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,054
Kentucky	414	501	6.63	13,752	-----	-----	-----	-----	13,752
Louisiana	567,251	507	6.67	19,182,670	-----	-----	-----	-----	19,182,670
Mississippi	1,201,000	507	6.74	41,040,332	-----	-----	-----	-----	41,040,332
Missouri	24,119	501	6.42	775,768	-----	-----	-----	-----	775,768
North Carolina	521,795	489	6.96	17,758,980	-----	-----	-----	-----	17,758,980
Oklahoma	35,251	528	6.72	1,250,762	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,250,762
South Carolina	925,694	485	6.94	31,157,934	10,769	344	27.29	1,010,968	32,168,902
Tennessee	236,781	501	6.63	7,864,989	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,864,989
Texas	2,120,201	528	6.63	74,220,604	2,500	338	12.00	101,400	74,322,004
Utah	123	500	7.00	4,305	-----	-----	-----	-----	4,305
Virginia	11,539	484	6.90	385,356	-----	-----	-----	-----	385,356
Total	8,428,337	503	6.65	285,810,606	104,368	368	16.53	6,000,958	291,811,564

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION.

The following table shows the acreage and production of cotton in each State and Territory in 1896-97, the acres required to produce a bale, and the yield per acre in bales:

States and Territories.	Acres.	Bales.	Acres per bale.	Bales per acre.
Alabama	2,656,333	833,789	3.19	.31
Arkansas	1,542,652	605,643	2.55	.39
Florida	264,325	48,730	5.42	.18
Georgia	3,468,335	1,299,340	2.67	.37
Indian Territory	141,124	87,705	1.61	.62
Kansas	150	61	2.46	.41
Kentucky	1,200	414	2.90	.34
Louisiana	1,245,399	567,251	2.20	.46
Mississippi	2,835,316	1,201,000	2.36	.42
Missouri	77,868	24,119	3.23	.31
North Carolina	1,228,714	521,795	2.35	.42
Oklahoma	78,550	35,251	2.23	.45
South Carolina	2,014,348	936,463	2.15	.46
Tennessee	912,337	236,781	3.85	.26
Texas	6,758,656	2,122,701	3.18	.31
Utah	155	123	1.26	.79
Virginia	47,747	11,539	4.14	.24
Total	23,273,209	8,532,705	2.73	.37

RECEIPTS OF NEW COTTON.

The Department's special agents report the following receipts of new cotton during the months of July and August, 1897, at the ports and interior points named: New Orleans, La., 50,661 bales; Galveston, Tex., 29,122; Savannah, Ga., 1,082; Charleston, S. C., 822; Shreveport, La., 816; Mobile, Ala., 237; Pensacola, Fla., 134; Wilmington, N. C., 92, and Memphis, Tenn., 21. Total, 82,987 bales.